

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

### Claim Amendment Summary

#### **Claims pending**

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16-28 and 30-36.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16-28 and 30-36

**Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims:** None

**Amended claims:** 1, 6, 7, 12-14, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25-28, 30, 33, and 36

**New claims:** None

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#### Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of managing annotations in a pen-based computing system, the method comprising:

monitoring an electronic document for user annotations;

recognizing entry of an annotation into the electronic document;

collecting context data proximal to the annotation, wherein the context data comprises:

time;

location; and

surrounding text; and

determining whether the annotation comprises a gesture, wherein the gesture is an ink object commanding user defined functionality of a computer;

determining whether the annotation is associated with a date;  
responsive to determining the annotation is associated with a date, determining if a  
date launch feature is enabled, such that:

in an event no date launch feature is enabled, continuing monitoring the  
electronic document for user annotations;

in an event the date launch feature is enabled, launching an associated  
application;

locating information related to the annotation using the annotation and the context data;

wherein the collecting context data ~~further~~ comprises:

deriving at least two search terms;

comparing the search terms to a history of search terms; and

weighting each of the search terms according to whether a particular search term is included in the history of search terms, a higher weight being assigned to a search term that is included in the history of search terms; and

wherein the locating information related to the annotation ~~further~~ comprises:

determining keywords that are likely to be of interest to a user based on the annotation and words contained in documents previously accessed by the user; and

using the keywords to locate information such that:

in an event a user-specified domain is selected, the keywords are  
used to locate information in one of a plurality of user-specified domains  
comprising:

a local computer;  
a local network drive; and  
the Internet.

2. **(Original)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the collecting context data further comprises extracting one or more words from text proximal to the annotation.

3. **(Original)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the collecting context data further comprises locating objects near to an annotation object in a document object model (DOM) associated with the annotation.

4. **(Original)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the collecting context data further comprises:

defining a first distance from the annotation;

defining a second distance from the annotation;

locating one or more keywords that are within the first distance from the annotation;

locating one or more keywords that are within the second distance from the annotation but not within the first distance from the annotation;

weighting the one or more keywords according to their distance from the annotation, with keywords within the first distance having a greater weight than keywords within the second distance but not within the first distance; and

wherein the locating information related to the annotation utilizes the keywords according to the weights assigned thereto.

**5. (Canceled)**

**6. (Currently Amended)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the history of search terms ~~further~~ comprises a history of search terms used by a particular user.

**7. (Currently Amended)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the history of search terms ~~further~~ comprises a history of search terms used by all users of a particular group of users.

**8. (Original)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the locating information related to the annotation further comprises searching the electronic document for terms that match or are similar to the annotation.

9. **(Original)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the locating information related to the annotation further comprises searching remote sites for documents containing terms that match or are similar to the annotation.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the documents that were previously accessed by the user are limited to documents accessed within a specified time period.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining keywords that are likely to be of interest to a user based on the annotation and words contained in documents previously accessed by the user ~~further~~comprises:

determining keywords that are likely to be of interest to the user based on the annotation and words occurring with the annotations in the documents that were previously accessed by the user.

**13. (Currently Amended)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein an annotation annotations are recognized from a plurality of types of annotations, further comprises one of the following plurality of types of annotations comprising:

circle[[],];

underline[[],];

block[[],];

arrow[[],];

callout[[],];

free note[[],]; and

post-it note.

**14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An annotation management system, comprising:**

a processor;

a system memory coupled to the processor, the system memory comprising:

a feature database configured to store a gesture comprising an ink object commanding user defined functionality of the system;

an annotation monitoring module configured to monitor an electronic document for entry of an annotation;

an extraction module configured to collect context data that appears near an annotation entered into the electronic document and to extract one or more keywords from the context data, the extraction module further configured to

determine keywords that are likely to be of interest to a user based on words contained in documents previously accessed by the user;

an information processing module configured to utilize the annotation and the keywords to locate related content; and

a history module that includes one or more historical keywords that were previously used in the system in at least one query for one or more searches;

wherein the extraction module is further configured to weight keywords according to whether or not the keywords are included in the history module; and

wherein the information processing module is further configured to locate the related content based on the annotation, the one or more keywords from the context data, and the weighted keywords as weighted according to whether or not the keywords are included in the history module.

**15. (Cancelled)**

**16. (Currently Amended)** The system as recited in claim 14, wherein:

the context data further comprises a plurality of keywords derived from text proximal to the annotation;

the extraction module is further configured to weight each keyword according to a relative distance that the keyword is from the annotation; and

the information processing module is further configured to locate the related content based on the weighted keywords as weighted according to the relative distance that each keyword is from the annotation.

**17. (Previously Presented)** The system as recited in claim 16, wherein the search is performed using the annotation as a search term and the results of the search are re-ranked according to the weighted keywords as weighted according to the relative distance that each keyword is from the annotation.

**18. (Previously Presented)** The system as recited in claim 16, wherein the search is performed using a query derived from the annotation and the weighted keywords as weighted according to the relative distance that each keyword is from the annotation.

**19. (Currently Amended)** The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the related content located by the information processing module further—comprises keywords contained in the electronic document.

**20. (Currently Amended)** The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the related content located by the information processing module further—comprises documents on a network that contain one or more of the keywords.

**21. (Previously Presented)** The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the information processing module is further configured to determine suggested keywords that are likely to be of interest to the user based on the annotation and words appearing in other documents previously accessed by the user in which the same annotation was entered.

**22. (Original)** The system as recited in claim 21, further comprising a user interface configured to present the suggested keywords to the user and provide for selection of none or one or more of the suggested keywords by the user.

23. **(Currently Amended)** One or more computer-readable media containing computer-executable instructions that, when executed on a computer, cause the computer to perform the following steps comprising:

recognizing an annotation entered into an electronic document by a user;

determining whether the annotation is associated with a date;

responsive to determining the annotation is associated with a date, determining if a date launch feature is enabled, such that:

in an event no date launch feature is enabled, monitoring the electronic document for additional user annotations;

in an event the date launch feature is enabled, launching an associated application;

collecting context data related to the location of the annotation to produce keywords;

determining keywords that are likely to be of interest to a user based on words contained in documents previously accessed by the user; and

locating additional content that may be of interest to the user by executing a search with search terms selected from (i) one or more words indicated by the annotation and (ii) one or more keywords derived from the context data and from the documents that were previously accessed by the user and by weighting at least a portion of the search terms based on a keyword history list that includes previously-used keywords that were used in at least one query in one or more previous searches; and

providing results of the search via an output peripheral device.

**24. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, wherein ~~the annotation is annotations are recognized from a plurality of types of annotations, the plurality of types of annotations comprising: an annotation included in the following set of annotations:~~

a circle[[,]];  
a box[[,]];  
an arrow[[,]];  
an underline[[,]];  
a double underline[[,]];  
a bracket[[,]];  
a highlight[[,]];  
a handwritten character[[,]];  
a free note[[,]];  
a post-it note.

**25. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, wherein the collecting context data related to the location of the annotation ~~further-comprises~~ collecting objects occurring within a certain distance from an annotation object in a document object model associated with the annotation object.

**26. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, wherein the locating additional content ~~further~~comprises locating one or more local keywords in the electronic document.

**27. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, wherein the locating additional content ~~further~~comprises locating one or more documents on a network that include one or more words indicated by the annotation or one or more keywords derived from the context data or from the documents that were previously accessed by the user.

**28. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, wherein the locating additional content ~~further~~comprises deriving the one or more keywords from the context data by identifying words that frequently appear with the annotation in other documents accessed by the user.

**29. (Canceled)**

**30. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, ~~further comprising wherein the steps further comprise:~~ ranking search results according to the weighted search terms.

**31. (Previously Presented)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 30, wherein the previously-used keywords were previously used by a current user, and wherein the weighting of at least a portion of the search terms comprises assigning a higher weight to search terms that are included in the keyword history list for the current user.

**32. (Previously Presented)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 30, wherein the previously-used keywords were previously used by all users in a group of users, and wherein the weighting of at least a portion of the search terms comprises assigning a higher weight to search terms that are included in the keyword history list for the group of users.

**33. (Currently Amended)** The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

detecting user input [[of]] comprising a gesture ~~that is~~ associated with a search task;

wherein the locating information related to the annotation using the annotation and the context data is performed responsive to the detecting.

**34. (Previously Presented)** The method as recited in claim 33, further comprising:

assigning, by the user, the search task to the gesture so as to associate the gesture with the search task.

**35. (Previously Presented)** The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the information processing module is further configured to perform a search to locate the related content responsive to when the annotation monitoring module detects user input of a gesture that is associated with a search task.

**36. (Currently Amended)** The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 23, ~~further comprising wherein the steps further comprise:~~

detecting user input of a gesture that is associated with a search task;  
wherein the locating additional content that may be of interest to the user by executing a search is performed responsive to the detecting.